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Griffmen, Bent and Battered, Open Last Half of Their Trip

HERE ARE FOUR OF JOE BIRMINGHAM'S NAPLANDERS WHO WILL FACE GRIFFMEN IN PRESENT SERIES



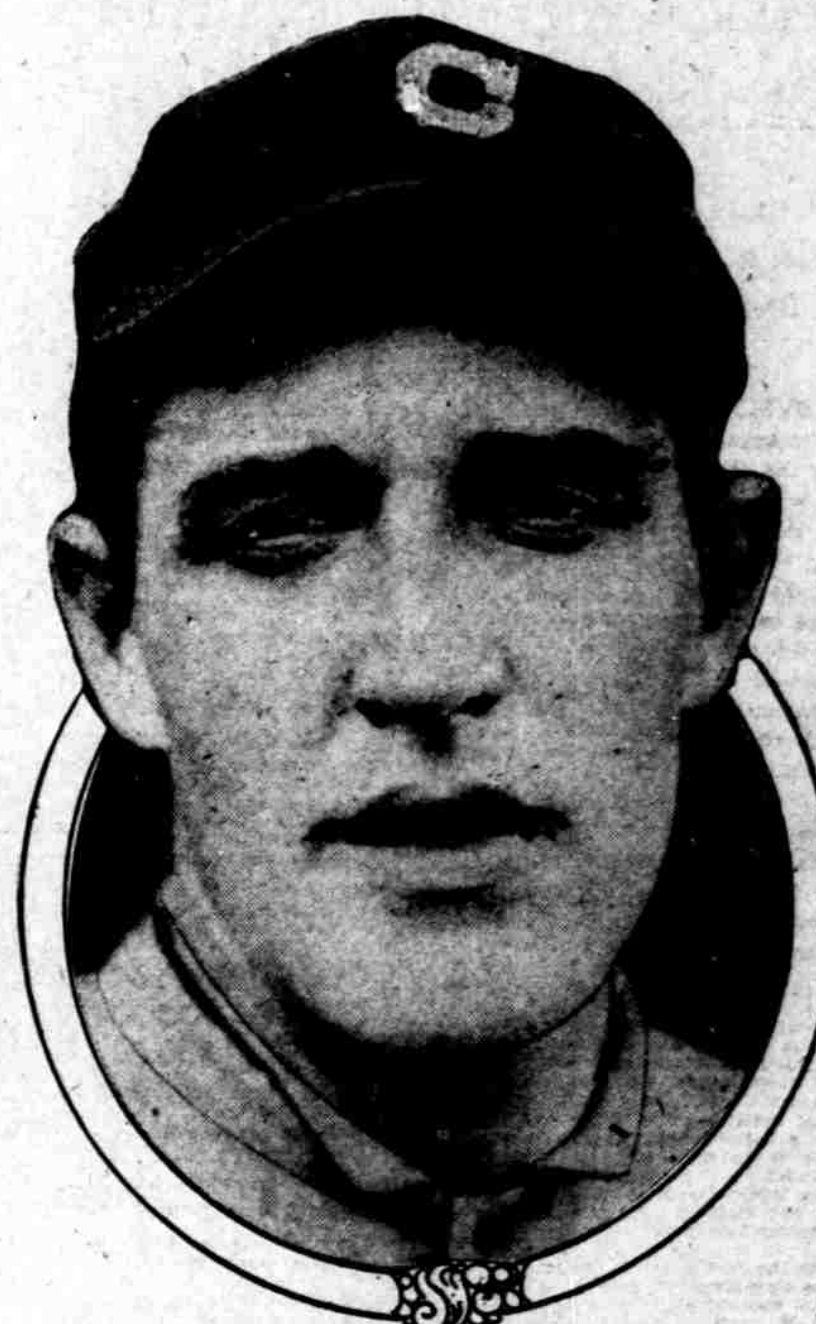
AL COLLAMORE, PITCHER.



JACK GRANEY, OUTFIELDER.



RAY CHAPMAN, SHORTSTOP.



JAY KIRKE, OUTFIELDER.

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GRIFFMEN START LAST HALF OF THEIR SWING AROUND WESTERN END

Though Sadly Bent and Battered, Players Are Confident of Holding High Place in the Struggle—Catching Staff Riddled, But Rippy Williams Does Good Work.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 2.—The Griffmen today open the last half of their swing around the West and, though they are going into battle bent and broken by the automatic orders of Byron Raneroff Johnson, they are confident of up-setting their record of previous contests with the lowly Napslanders.

"We've only begun to fight," barked Clark Griffith, on arriving in the Sixth City this morning. "With Morgan out of the game, our infield is sadly shattered, but we're going out there to show the fans that we are never whipped until the last man dies in the last inning. I still insist that my team has a chance, if only an outside one, for the pennant. There's ten weeks of baseball yet, don't forget that."

"With Al Smith ruled out probably for the rest of the season and Henry carrying a bad hand, my catch-

ing staff consists of A. Williams. He is doing great work, and I'm proud of him. So long as he isn't injured, we can go along and trim the best of them. But if he is hurt—well, I don't want to think of that. I'm hoping he won't be, that's all."

Joe Boeding is down to open the series with the Napslanders. Though the smiling southpaw has a weak leg, it is not expected to keep him out of the battle line.

The Nationals presented the strongest kind of a defense for Walter Johnson yesterday and the result was that for the second time the Washington team left the city with the advantage in its favor by three to one. The day before Griffith had been crossed by the fact that Jennings used Druess when it was expected that he would delegate one of the younger pitchers to the mound. When the selection of batteries came yesterday, it was a question whether Jennings would oppose Jean Dubuc to the king of Griffith's staff. Jennings decided to use J. Brodie Williams and then he did not guess wrongly.

Williams went along well enough for a while, but when the blow-off came he showed himself utterly unable to stop the onslaught of the victorious Griffmen. Johnson was not as good as he has been on numerous occasions. But on the other hand he was strong enough to turn back the opposition when runs were threatening. His wildness was responsible for placing men on the bases, but once they were within the scoring zone he cut down the batter in a way befitting the emperor of the rubber.

Up to this week it was expected that the Nationals would make a mighty bid for the highest trophy within the power of baseball men to give to them. When the rot occurred at Navin Field yesterday it was a blow that it utterly staggered the Washington players. Their infield is crushed, their outfield is left and while they may eventually be able to work through the trouble, their pennant aspirations are virtually wrecked in the eyes of those who view it from a non-partisan standpoint.

It was freely predicted in these columns that if Griffith was able to drive the front line from the field, the men available, he would have a chance—and a good one—dependent on the decision of one who sits in Chicago, as head of the American League, with the potential power of saying yes or no, without appeal.

Ben Johnson has been soundly criticized, flayed and roasted by the press. But what he said hardly expresses the opinion that rests in the minds of those who saw the occurrences in Thursday's game.

TY COBB SAYS IT BEGINS TO LOOK NOW LIKE THE ATHLETICS TO REPEAT IN PENNANT FIGHT

Red Sox Are Contenders and, If Hitting Streak Begins, May Be Bears in Scrap.

By TY COBB.

(World's Champion Batter and Base Runner).

It begins to look more and more like the Athletics to repeat. When the Athletics started their spurt on July 12 they apparently built up a margin that should last them all the way to the flag. I was positive that they had "blown" when our club played them in Philadelphia just before this time, but they rallied in the next series and were helped along by a spell of rainy weather when they were idle four days in a week.

Before the rain came Connie's pitchers were in a bad way, but the enforced rest did them a world of good, and they began to deliver the goods immediately.

Boston, which has been sneaking along quietly all season, now looks

like the contender, but you never can tell. If the Red Sox can get into a real hitting streak they will be bears, for their pitching staff is one of the best in either league.

I am afraid that all these double-headers which must be played the next time the Western clubs go East are going to raise havoc with some of the pitching corps. It probably will result in the gaining of ground by Philadelphia, for everybody will be compelled to put in second-string pitchers, and it will then be just a question of which club has the most power in its attack. There doesn't seem to be any other team with quite so much driving strength as Mack's, and they are liable to play hot when the bargain bills are inaugurated.

Detroit and St. Louis are going to

be up against it for pitchers. I fear when they go East again for each has a flock of double-headers. We played a tie game in each of three cities last trip, and that means a big day the next time around.

Our pitchers have been overworked all year, and I am afraid that they will have a hard time standing the strain of so many duplex games all crowded into a short time. But maybe one of the youngsters will have developed into a reliable performer by that time.

My good friend George T. Stallings has furnished the sensation of the baseball year in bringing his club from last place in the National League into the first division by a most meteoric spurt. I have said all along that Boston had the material and the manager, and that sooner or later the club would begin to get the breaks and tear the other fellows to ribbons. Owing to the Braves' poor start, they are not likely to win any bunting this season, but if

"Georgia Peach" Thinks Coming Double-Headers Will Aid Connie Mack's Outfit.

By GEORGE T. STALLINGS.

they get going before it is too late in 1915, watch out!

Chicago and the Giants have been at it hammer and tongs. Everybody tells me that the New Yorks are not a good club and that they are being held together solely by McGraw's wonderful generalship and personality. With all due respect to the "Little Napoleon," I cannot see how he can hope to carry his men to the flag if this is true, which I doubt.

There are a lot of good players on the New York roster, and if the outfit would brace up and show a little pep, it would shortly have a lead that would settle all arguments.

If anything should happen to Matty, however, there is no telling where the Giants will finish. He certainly is a jewel, and if the Giants win their fourth consecutive pennant they can thank him more than any other player. None of McGraw's other pitchers seem to be reliable, but "Big Six" can always go in and win or save a game.

Like Eddie Plank, in our league, he seems to improve with age. They always hit him hard when it doesn't count for anything, but he is surely a curly wolf in the pinches.

BILLY EVANS SHOWS COMBATIVE SPIRIT

Crack Umpire Offers to Take a Punch at Jay Kirke, Naps' Big Outfielder.

By BEN J. JOHNSON.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 2.—That Ben Johnson's unqualified support of "Blind" Jack Sheridan is bearing fruit is shown by the combativeness of Billy Evans, who came close to starting a riot at League Park yesterday in the final game of the series with the Yankees. Evans, who has never been very popular here since he was struck on the head with a bottle a couple of years ago, provoked Jay Kirke, the big outfielder of the Naps, and tried his best to stage a heavyweight bout on the field. That he failed is due to Ed Sweeney, the Naps' big catcher, who interfered and rushed on Kirke's retreating.

Kirke complained at being called out or strikes, claiming that he had not offered at the last ball. Evans ordered him from the field and when the player did not move, Evans came close to him and pushed him with his shoulder. Kirke threatened to punch the umpire in the nose and Evans taunted him, telling him he wasn't big enough. When Evans removed his mask, he was white as a sheet, but he approached Kirke, as if willing to fight it out right there.

"Here, cut this out," bawled Sweeney

to Kirke. "Go on off the field before you start another riot. One in a week is enough for this league."

Kirke left the plate and Evans followed him to the dugout, where he had a policeman see that Kirke went into the clubhouse.

President Somer was on the bench and he told Evans to go back to his position, the umpire taking his time about doing so, however. After that Evans was a target for verbal abuse until the close of the game and a large crowd waited at the gate for him to come out.

Chevy Chase Loses.

Chevy Chase lost to Company K's team, 7 to 12. Herrel, for the winners, pitched good ball, but was poorly supported.

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Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct	Win.	Loss
Athletics	40	32	.556	549	52
Boston	35	41	.457	577	56
WASHINGTON	32	42	.435	558	54
Detroit	28	48	.368	511	59
Chicago	27	49	.354	486	65
St. Louis	25	49	.338	484	64
New York	22	52	.298	454	67
Cleveland	21	57	.268	423	70

Today's Games.

Washington at Cleveland.
Boston at St. Louis.
New York at Detroit.
Philadelphia at Chicago.

Tomorrow's Games.

Washington at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at Chicago.
New York at Detroit.
Boston at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results.

Washington, 3; Detroit, 0.
Boston, 4; Chicago, 2.
Cleveland, 7; New York, 0.
New York, 3; Cleveland, 2.
Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct	Win.	Loss
New York	32	28	.531	596	
Chicago	32	42	.553	558	
St. Louis	31	45	.531	536	
Boston	45	45	.500	505	
Cincinnati	45	45	.454	489	
Philadelphia	42	49	.462	461	
Brooklyn	39	49	.442	449	
Pittsburgh	29	51	.423	440	

Today's Games.

No games scheduled.

Tomorrow's Games.

St. Louis at Boston.
Cincinnati at New York.
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.
Chicago at Philadelphia.

Yesterday's Results.

Boston, 4; St. Louis, 1.
Cincinnati, 6; New York, 1.
Brooklyn, 7; Pittsburgh, 1.
Brooklyn, 10; Philadelphia, 1.
Philadelphia, 10; Chicago, 4.

SAVES BLAIR TO TRY OUT IN EXHIBITIONS

Griff to Look at Youngster at Decatur, Frederick, and Martinsburg.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 1.—Blair, the latest recruit to the Griffithian fold, will not be given chance in a championship game until he has proven his worth in exhibition engagements. The plan of the manager as announced today is to use Blair at Decatur, Frederick, and Martinsburg, and if he shows sufficient promise on these days he will later be sent in as an emergency hitter. Otherwise, he will be sent to a minor league to await developments.

Bill Donovan, the manager of the Providence club, had a long talk with Griffith today. It was the plan of the man from Rhode Island to obtain from Washington one of the young players, but he received no satisfaction as Griffith told him he had no material to spare.

Naplanders Split Even With Yankees in Final

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 2.—The final day saw the Naps really win a game from the Yankees. Willie Mitchell shut out the visitors, 2 to 0, by a masterly exhibition of twirling. Marty Mahale was knocked out of the box by the slugging Naps. The home team went after the second game confidently, but it was the same old story of defeat. Ray Keating's fine mound work stopping all attempts of the home boys to win. The score:

First game—R. H. E.
Yankees..... 000 000 000—0 0 0
Naps..... 010 100 000—2 1 0
Batteries—Yankees, McHale, Brown and Sunamaker; Naps, Mitchell and O'Neil.
Second game—R. H. E.
Yankees..... 002 004 000—3 10 1
Naps..... 000 000 000—0 0 0
Batteries—Yankees, Keating and Sweeney; Naps, Collamore, Hagerman, Blanding and Egan.

BOSTON GRABS ALL FROM CAL'S OUTFIT

Clean Sweep of Series Is Seen When Collins Hangs It on the White Sox in Final.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—It is well that the Red Sox have left town, for the South Siders would soon hit the collar if the Hub outfit remained here much longer. The final game went to the victors, who thus clean up the entire series. Ray Collins and Joe Benz fought a pretty battle down the line, the home team having a lead of two runs until there were two down in the seventh. Then Fournier dropped Blackburn's peg of Larry Gardner's drive, and the tent blew down. Hal Janvin crashed a triple, tying the score, and called a moment later on Heblitzell's slings. In the eighth the Red Sox grabbed another run just for good measure.

"I guess it'll be between the Boston and Philadelphia clubs for the pennant this year," said Jimmy Callahan, the South Side boss, today. "Unless Clark Griffith can get his team into line mighty soon, these two aggregations will run away from him. There is little choice between the Sox and Philadelphia clubs, judging from what they have shown here."

Red Sox..... 000 000 000—4 1 1
White Sox..... 000 000 000—2 7 3
Batteries—Red Sox, Collins and Carrigan; White Sox, Benz, Cleotis and Mayer.

Reds Again Victors From New York Giants

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Three in a row is the impressive which the Cincinnati Reds have made since their stay at the Polo Grounds, the third victory coming yesterday by 6 to 1. The Reds landed on Tesreau in the second for a triple, a double and a pair of singles, netting them six runs on bounces and in rare form and received good backing from his team. With the exception of the second round, Tesreau also had a great day on the mound.

Hyattsville Wins.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., Aug. 2.—Five hundred spectators saw the first number on the field day program, a baseball game, between the local nine and the club representing the Rex Athletic Club, of Washington, which was defeated by the home team by the score of 7 to 2.

MAKE CLEAN SWEEP OF RICKEY'S TEAM

Mackmen Look More Powerful Than Griffmen in Eyes of the Veteran, Jimmy Austin.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 2.—Two innings sufficed for the Athletics to make a clean sweep of the series with the Browns, but Joe Bush was knocked off the mound in the fifth, when the home boys came within one run of tying the tally. Thereafter Herb Pennock held the Browns in check, while his teammates fell upon Hoch and cleaned the slate, 9 to 5.

Manager Rickey was not on the field and it was rumored that he was in Cleveland, seeking to work a trade that would bring Doc Johnston to this city as soon as possible. The score:

First game—R. H. E.
Mackmen..... 020 000 000—3 12 1
Browns..... 000 000 000—5 12 3
Batteries—Mackmen, Bush, Pennock and Schang; Browns, Douglas, Baumgardner, Hoch and Agnew.

Robins Get Two From Pirates by Big Scores

BROOKLYN, Aug. 2.—Both of the Brooklyn Robins' victory, which put the Pittsburgh Pirates into the National League cellar were by decisive scores, the opener resulting in a 7-to-0 count, while the final game wound up with figures of 10 to 1.

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First game—R. H. E.
Pittsburgh..... 010 000 000—1 7 2
Brooklyn..... 000 000 000—7 10 1
Batteries—Cincinnati, Connelman and Gibson; Preffer and Fischer.
Second game—R. H. E.
Pittsburgh..... 001 000 000—1 3 4
Brooklyn..... 000 000 000—10 14 0
Batteries—O'Toole, McQuillan and Coleman; Kafera, Reulbach and McCarthy.

Daubert cinched the first game by driving the ball over the right field fence with a home run. Douglas, who Gibson and Collins saved the pirates the embarrassment of a shutout, Brooklyn got to O'Toole in the second inning of the last game, and before the plate was out, eight runs crossed the plate. The scores:

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